

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/623,823

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 7/21/03.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3.  The drawings filed on 21 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
(a)  The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.  
(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
    1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.  
(c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
9.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)          |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____             |
| 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____       | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                             |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
|   | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

***Priority***

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Japan on September 3, 2002. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 2002-257728 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-6 is the inclusion therein of the combination of "said press contact tab having a press contact slot extending from a distal end of said tab to a proximal end of said tab" and "said tab cover including insertion grooves in opposed sidewalls that communicate with said press contact slot in said press contact tab" in combination with the other claim limitations. This combination was neither disclosed nor taught by the cited prior art, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

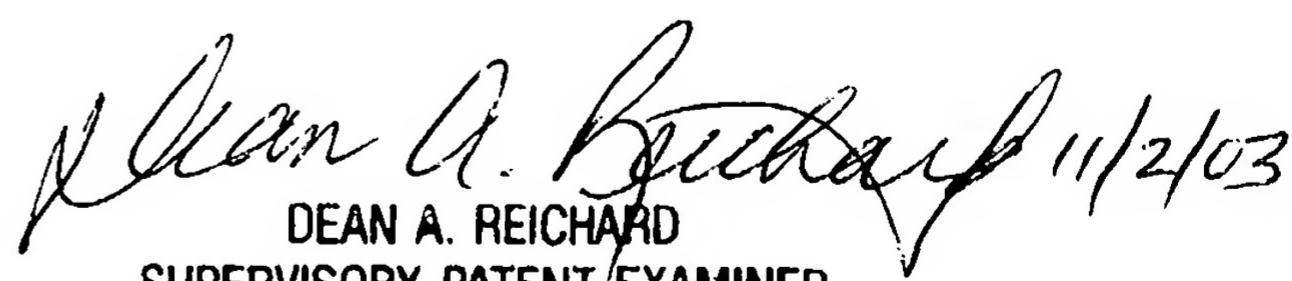
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Martinez (US 6,624,354 B1) discloses a vehicle electrical junction box. Kobayashi et al. (US 6,607,115 B2) disclose a junction box. Yuasa et al. (US 6,506,061 B2) disclose an electrical connection box. Iwata (US 6,430,054 B1) discloses an electrical junction box. Kasai (US 6,325,640 B1) discloses an electrical junction box having a bus bar. Kawakita (US 6,310,293 B1) discloses a stacked assembly. Saka et al. (US 5,742,005) disclose an electrical connection box. Kurata et al. (US 5,543,581) disclose a connection box. Demler et al. (US 4,867,696) disclose a laminated bus bar. Slicer et al. (US 4,705,334) disclose an electrical distribution system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adolfo Nino whose telephone number is (703) 305-1071. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on (703) 308-3682. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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